

TY'S FARMERS BRAG OF CROPS.

**Tillers of Vacant Lots Relate
Their Successes at the
City Hall.**

'SQUIRE STRONG PRESIDES.

**Meeting of the Society for Im-
proving the Condition
of the Poor.**

PINGREE'S SCHEME WORKS WELL.

**Men and Women Enabled to Win
Homes by Cultivating Land That
Would Otherwise Re-
main Idle.**

The Aldermanic Chamber of the City Hall held an annual gathering yesterday afternoon, when the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor conducted a meeting. The rustic of silken skirts and the unadorned scarfs of clericalism presented an antithesis to the Board of Aldermen's sessions.

Mayor Strong, the honorary president, conducted the meeting. He introduced Dr. William H. Tolman, the secretary of the



society, who gave a lecture upon the vacant lot farm scheme, illustrated by oxy-hydrogen flames. Dr. Tolman said in part:

"Every once in a while a man comes along with a new idea or the adaptation of an old one. The new idea Mayor Pingree inaugurated in this country was the utilization of vacant city lots for farms. If you care for statistics, it is interesting to note that in 1894, 430 acres in Detroit were occupied by idle and destitute men and women, and 945 families were cared for."

"The estimated value of the crops raised was \$13,000, and the expense to the committee in charge was \$3,000. In 1896 the city appropriated \$4,000; the expenses were \$2,400 and the net profits were \$25,508; 1,701 families were provided for, with 5,882 children among them."

"Here in New York the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor was asked to take charge of the idea, and did so. When we found we could not use New York land Mr. William Steinway's generous offer of vacant lands on Long Island was accepted."

"A tribute to Mr. Marcellus Hartley, who has given three houses to this movement—the Hartley House, in memory of his father, the originator of this movement to help the poor—is due."

When the speaker mentioned Mayor Strong's name as the honorary president a ripple of applause went through the chamber and the city's chief magistratus smiled faintly and bowed. Dr. Tolman concluded by saying the work for 1897 was beginning auspiciously. He said the land at Steinway, L. I. would not be used, because it was not needed.

The Mayor introduced Colonel Waring, who favored the project of vacant lot farms, and said it seemed an advance in municipal development. He praised the Baroness de Hirsch for her generous gifts for this purpose.

The next speaker, Superintendent John W. Kjelgaard, related stories of men and women who had been raised to comfort and independence through the start obtained from vacant farm lands.

Mayor Strong was obliged to leave, and called Mr. W. W. Hoppin, ex-president of the Young Men's Christian Society, to the chair. Mr. Hoppin called upon three farmers who had worked on the vacant lots to relate their experiences.

Alexander Pringle, a grizzled man of fifty, with a strong Scotch accent, was the first. He said: "I am an example of what this plan can do for a man. I was destitute, and asked for help. They told me I could have a vacant lot if I'd and I took the chance, and in two years I am quite well."

MARKET SHOWS RESISTANCE POWER

**Metropolitan Traction Stock
Advanced Two
Per Cent.**

COURT DECISION DID IT.

**Squelching of Bailey's Resolution
Deprives the Cuban Question
of Its Force.**

Wall Street, Thursday, May 20.

The market again showed power of resistance to unfavorable news and conditions. London cables came lower. London stock, the aggressive tone of the Cuban debate disturbed confidence, further rate cutting was reported and Jersey Central made another sensational break of 4 per cent. The general list withal stubbornly refused to yield, and although the majority of stocks closed lower the declines were trifling. The Cuban question lost much of its force when the House today killed Bailey's resolution for recognition of belligerence, indicating the determined attitude of the House leaders against any legislation in favor of Cuba in this session at least. The passage of the Morgan resolution in the Senate will consequently be regarded as the end of the Cuban question in this session unless the President

opens a new campaign. The market was quiet, with prices a little off from the closing of last night. Trade was quiet during the morning, but firmed up toward midday and values advanced fractionally on fair buying. The offerings here were not large and demand was limited, but Chicago reported large demands from the Southwest.

Influences at the opening were conflicting, but as they were of about equal weight on either side of the market they balanced. Cables were up. The Northwestern movement was small, and damage claims came



from Europe and California, while both Thomson and the Cincinnati Price Current listed beach crop estimates. The weather in the West was very favorable.

The cash market was firmer. Sales were 200,000 bushels for export. No. 1 Northern wheat was quoted at \$1.02, free on board at \$1.04. No. 2 Northern wheat 82 1/2c, free on board at \$1.02. No. 3 Northern wheat 80 1/2c, free on board at \$1.00. No. 4 Northern wheat 78 1/2c, free on board at \$0.98. No. 5 Northern wheat 76 1/2c, free on board at \$0.96. No. 6 Northern wheat 74 1/2c, free on board at \$0.94. No. 7 Northern wheat 72 1/2c, free on board at \$0.92. No. 8 Northern wheat 70 1/2c, free on board at \$0.90. No. 9 Northern wheat 68 1/2c, free on board at \$0.88. No. 10 Northern wheat 66 1/2c, free on board at \$0.86. No. 11 Northern wheat 64 1/2c, free on board at \$0.84. No. 12 Northern wheat 62 1/2c, free on board at \$0.82. No. 13 Northern wheat 60 1/2c, free on board at \$0.80. No. 14 Northern wheat 58 1/2c, free on board at \$0.78. No. 15 Northern wheat 56 1/2c, free on board at \$0.76. No. 16 Northern wheat 54 1/2c, free on board at \$0.74. 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